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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CS  
SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR TODMAN

REF: STATE 172095

1. FOLLOWING ARE MY COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIRD-  
COUNTRY ISSUES IN U.S.-COSTA RICAN RELATIONS, KEYED  
TO THE SPECIFIC POINTS IN YOUR TELEGRAM:

(1) GOCR IS VERY PLEASED WITH OUR SUPPORT OF THEIR  
POSITION ON SANCTIONS.

(2) COSTA RICAN REACTION TO ACTIONS YOU CITE WOULD  
BE VERY POSITIVE. REACTION WOULD BE MORE MIXED TO U.S.  
CONCESSIONS TO CUBA, WHATEVER THOSE MIGHT BE, BUT  
OFFICIAL GOCR ATTITUDE AGAIN WOULD PROBABLY BE SUPPORTIVE.

(3) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, COSTA RICA WILL GENERALLY  
APPLAUD ANY NEW TREATY WHICH PANAMA WILL ACCEPT, ALTHOUGH  
A FEW CONSERVATIVE VOICES WILL CRITICIZE US FOR ALLEGEDLY

GIVING UP OUR SAFEGUARDS, THEREBY OPENING WAY FOR  
BOTH INEFFICIENCY AND COMMUNIST INFLUENCE.

(4) SIMILARLY, ANY BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS  
OR REFUSAL BY U.S. SENATE TO RATIFY WOULD SURELY  
BE CONDEMNED PUBLICLY HERE TO THE EXTENT THAT  
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PANAMA CONDEMNS IT. VIOLENCE IN PANAMA WOULD

DOUBTLESS TRIGGER STUDENT AND LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS  
HERE AND BOTH PRESS AND GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEAK OUT  
VIGOROUSLY FOLLOWING PANAMA'S LEAD. I WOULD EXPECT  
SOME BUT NOT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO U.S.-COSTA RICAN  
BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND BELIEVE THAT GOCR WOULD SEEK  
WAYS TO LIMIT SUCH DAMAGE ONCE IT BELIEVES IT HAS MET  
ITS OBLIGATIONS TO PANAMA.

(5) THERE IS NOW SOMEWHAT BETTER APPRECIATION HERE  
OF CONTENTS AND POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF GSP AND TRA,  
WHICH SHOULD HELP MODERATE REACTION TO FURTHER DELAYS  
ON OPEC EXCLUSION ISSUE. IF CONGRESS FINALLY REJECTS  
RELIEF FOR LATIN MEMBERS, HOWEVER, WE MAY EXPECT  
REPEAT OF VOCAL GOCR CRITICISM OF U.S. IN SOLIDARITY  
WITH VENEZUELA. HERE AGAIN, GOCR WOULD PROBABLY SEEK  
TO AVOID ANY BROADER DAMAGE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
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